

STRAW BAIL—A JUST SENTENCE. The facility with which straw bail can be obtained by a large number of evil-doers is one of the greatest encouragements to crime and one of the greatest hindrances to the proper administration of justice. The committing magistrates appear to have no system whatever with regard to accepting bail. Sometimes they require the production of deeds, and sometimes they do not, and the consequence is that it is generally the hardened offenders who understand all the devices by which justice may be delayed, who are most frequently able to defy the laws with impunity. In cases of serious offenses the committing magistrates undoubtedly ought to invariably require the production of deeds, no matter who the bail-giver may be, and a check would be put upon the practice of offering straw bail if it was well understood that for certain grades of crime nothing but documentary evidence of the

of the national debt at an early day and to place our finances upon a satisfactory basis, and more particularly because there was an emphatic assurance that in a very short time it would be discontinued.

The peculiarly oppressive and obnoxious features of the income tax have little or no relation to the amount that it takes from each man's pocket, but to its inquisitorial character, and to the fact that it requires every citizen to make public his most private business affairs. There are few men who would not prefer to pay a much larger sum in some other manner, and Congress will make a great mistake if it supposes that the tax will be submitted to as patiently in the future as it has in the past. There is a very strong and growing disposition in all parts of the country to make the abolition of this tax a test question, and members of Congress who vote for its continuance will have to give very satisfactory reasons for so doing if they hope for re-election when they again come

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